

Undergraduate Commencement Participation

2019-2020 General Academic Proposal/Policy Cover Sheet

General Catalog Information

** Read before you begin**

This cover sheet is intended to provide information to members of the Education Policy Committee (EPC) and Faculty Senate about a new proposal/policy or about revisions to an existing proposal/policy.

Topic* Undergraduate Commencement Participation

- Are you Proposing:***
- ☐ New academic policy or regulations .
 - ☒ Change academic policy or regulations .
 - ☐ Delete academic policy or regulations

Visit our current catalog [here](#) and paste the policy you're proposing to change or delete below. Then edit it to show the changes. If you are proposing a new policy, enter the text below.

Policy*

Commencement

Students who have registered for courses which, if successfully completed, will allow them to graduate by December of a given calendar year, may participate in the May commencement ceremony of that calendar year. To have their name appear in the commencement program, such a student's Commencement Participation Application (<http://www.longwood.edu/registrar/graduation-requirements/>) must be received by the Office of the Registrar no later than 5pm on April 10. No student may participate in multiple commencement ceremonies for the same degree.

Diplomas will be mailed to students normally within eight weeks of commencement.

Hierarchy Owner*

- Longwood University
- Longwood University

BACKGROUND

Provide a brief statement describing the origins of this proposal, the nature of the problem it addresses, and the work completed to devise the proposal*

The current policy regarding participation in Commencement at the undergraduate level specifies that students who will have one course or 7 or less credits remaining may apply to participate in commencement. Given that no diplomas are given at commencement, the proposal below was developed.

SUMMARY

Provide a brief list or statement describing the content of the new policy or the proposed changes or deletions to an existing policy*

The policy removes the credit hour restriction on participating in May commencement.

RATIONALE

Provide a brief statement as to why the new policy, the proposed changes, or the deletion is needed*

Allowing students who have registered for courses that will allow graduation by December to participate in commencement will foster goodwill among future alumni and their families. This is particularly true given that there is currently no December ceremony for undergraduates who finish their coursework by August or December.